

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : ZAHND et al.  
Serial No. : 10/526,452  
Confirm. No. : 3135  
Filed : March 2, 2005  
For : CLAMPING DEVICE FOR...  
Art Unit : 2854  
Examiner : Leslie J. Evanisko  
Dated : September 21, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated March 27, 2006 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired June 27, 2006.

Since the attached response is being filed within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$1,020.00 (fee code 1253).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.